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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SIDNEY DELL, DEPUTY SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UNITED NATIONS EMERGENCY OPERATION. THE LETTER REQUESTS THAT AT NEXT MEETING OF GROUP OF EIGHT (SEPTEMBER 11) WE BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS DRAFT COMMUNIQUE, ENCLOSED WITH LETTER, AS WELL AS DRAFT PAPER DISCUSSED ORIGINALLY AT AUGUST 28 GROUP OF EIGHT MEETING. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS WITH RESPECT DRAFT COMMUNIQUE AND DRAFT PAPER SENT DEPARTMENT REPAIR.

2. BEGIN LETTER. QUOTE. AS YOU WILL RECALL, IT WAS AGREED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EIGHT THAT A THIRD MEETING WOULD BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER AT 10 A.M. IN ROOM 927.

IT WAS SUGGESTED BY MR. WRIGSTAD OF THE SWEDISH DELEGATION THAT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF 27 SEPTEMBER SHOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THE EMERGENCY OPERATION, AND THAT A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR THIS  
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PURPOSE. IT IS, OF COURSE, EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO JUDGE

WHAT BASIS FOR A CONSENSUS AT THE MINISTERIAL MEETING MIGHT EMERGE, AND THERE HAS BEEN RELATIVELY LITTLE DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER WITHIN THE GROUP OF EIGHT THUS FAR. NEVERTHELESS, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL, I AM ENCLOSING HERewith A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE ALONG THE LINES OF THAT PROPOSAL. DR. PREBISCH WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS DRAFT AS WELL AS ON THE DRAFT OF 23 AUGUST, PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED, AT THE THE MEETING TO BE HELD NEXT WEDNESDAY. UNQUOTE.

3. BEGIN ATTACHMENT. QUOTE:

DRAFT COMMUNIQUE BY MINISTERS ATTENDING THE MEETING OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1974

1. MINISTERS FROM THE COUNTRIES LISTED AT THE END OF THIS COMMUNIQUE ATTENDED A MEETING CONVENED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AT UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS OF 27 SEPTEMBER 1974. THE INSTITUTIONS LISTED BELOW WERE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING BY OBSERVERS.

2. THE MEETING REFLECTED THE CONCERN OF THE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED REGARDING THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE COUNTRIES MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS. IT WAS ALSO AN EXPRESSION OF THEIR FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ALLEVIATE THESE PROBLEMS. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO CONSIDER THE ADEQUACY OF CONTRIBUTIONS, BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL, TO THE EMERGENCY OPERATION ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI), TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AN ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS, AND TO INITIATE FURTHER MEASURES ACCORDINGLY.

3. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS OF THE COUNTRIES MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED BY THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH ASSISTANCE OF THE TECHNICAL SERVICES OF THE FAO, IMF, UNCTAD, UNDP AND THE WORLD BANK, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT REPLIES SUBMITTED BY THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO A QUESTIONNAIRE THAT HAD BEEN ADDRESSED TO THEM. THE ASSESSMENT, SUMMARIZED IN ANNEX I, UNCLASSIFIED

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INDICATES THAT IN ORDER TO MEET THE ESSENTIAL IMPORT NEEDS OF THE MOST SEVERELY AFFECTED COUNTRIES AND AVOID SERIOUS ECONOMIC DISRUPTION OR LOWERING OF LIVING STANDARDS, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TALLING .... IN 1974 AND .... IN 1975 WILL BE REQUIRED OVER AND ABOVE THE NORMAL LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE TO THESE COUNTRIES PREVIOUSLY PLANNED.

4. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE ABOVE-MENTIONED ASSESSMENT

BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD GUIDE THE DECISIONS OF GOVERNMENTS BOTH AS REGARDS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO BE PROVIDED, AND AS REGARDS THE DISTRIBUTION OF THAT ASSISTANCE AMONG RECIPIENT COUNTRIES.

5. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S SUMMARY OF REPORTS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE THAT THEY INTENDED TO MAKE AVAILABLE, WHETHER BILATERALLY OR MULTILATERALLY, DURING THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDING IN MID-1975. THE SUMMARY, WHICH WILL BE FOUND IN ANNEX II, SHOWS THAT ENCOURAGING PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN MOBILIZING RESOURCES FOR THE EMERGENCY OPERATION, BUT THAT SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER ASSISTANCE WILL BE NEEDED DURING THE MONTHS IMMEDIATELY AHEAD. MINISTERS UNDERTOOK TO USE THEIR BEST EFFORTS TO ENSURE THAT THE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY ON CONCESSIONAL TERMS.

6. MINISTERS AGREED THAT CO-ORDINATION OF BILATERAL EFFORTS BY CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES WILL BE NEEDED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE PATTERN OF DISTRIBUTION OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE AMONG RECIPIENT COUNTRIES CORRESPONDS, IN THE AGGREGATE, TO THE PATTERN OF NEEDS. ACCORDINGLY THEY AGREED THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SHOULD CONVENE QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION THAT WOULD FACILITATE A CO-ORDINATED APPROACH TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF ASSISTANCE. THEY FURTHER AGREED THAT IN ORDER TO PERMIT EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) GOVERNMENTS SHOULD FURNISH QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REGARDING DISBURSEMENTS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

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7. MINISTERS AGREED THAT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATION WOULD BE ENHANCED IF A SUBSTANTIAL PROPORTION OF GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EMERGENCY OPERATION WERE CHANNELLED THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS. SUCH SOURCES COULD BE DEPLOYED FLEXIBLY AND EXPEDITIOUSLY BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI) AND COULD BE USED TO BALANCE ANY DEFICIENCIES IN THE OVERALL DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AMONG RECIPIENT COUNTRIES THAT MAY RESULT FROM THE SEPARATE DECISIONS OF THE MANY BILATERAL DONORS.

8. MINISTERS TOOK NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF ANNOUNCEMENTS ALREADY MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF ALGERIA, ICELAND AND VENEZUELA IN THIS REGARD, AS SUMMARIZED IN ANNEX III, AND UNDERTOOK TO REVIEW THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER

CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS BOTH BY INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AND BY OTHER COUNTRIES. IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT ANY SUCH ACTION UNDER THE EMERGENCY OPERATION WOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE QUESTION OF LONGER TERM ARRANGEMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SPECIAL PROGRAMME ESTABLISHED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.  
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